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**MORTALITY FROM ORGANIC DISEASES OF THE HEART, 1920.**

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, states that 124,000 deaths were due to organic diseases of the heart in the death registration area of the United States in 1920, and that if the rest of the United States had as many deaths from this cause in proportion to the population, the total number of deaths from organic diseases of the heart in the entire United States for 1920 was 151,000, whereas for 1919 the number is estimated at 138,000, or 13,000 less than for 1920.

The trend of the death rate from organic diseases of the heart is upward, the lowest recorded rate for the registration area having been 111.2 per 100,000 population for the year 1900, and the highest rate 153.8 per 100,000 population for the year 1917. For 1920 the rate was 141.9 as against 131 per 100,000 population for 1919.

"Adjusted" rates based on the standard million population have been calculated in order to permit better interstate comparisons for the year 1920. The highest adjusted rate from organic diseases of the heart for 1920 is 180.8 per 100,000 for the State of New York, and the lowest is 87.3 for Kentucky.

For States in which at least 10 per cent of the population was colored, adjusted rates have been calculated separately for the white and colored populations. In this group of States the highest adjusted rate for the white population is 179.8 per 100,000 for New York, and the highest rate for the colored population is 248.3 per 100,000 for the same State; the lowest adjusted rate for the white population is 75 for Mississippi and the lowest for the colored population is 112 for Florida.

*Deaths and death rates from organic diseases of the heart in the registration area (exclusive of Hawaii), and in the registration States, 1916-1920.*

Area.	Number of deaths.			Ad-justed rate, 1920.	Rate per 100,000 population.				
	1920	1919	1918		1920	1919	1918	1917	1916
Registration area.....	124, 143	111, 579	124, 668	(1)	141.9	131.0	153.3	153.8	150.6
Registration States (1916) 2.....	103, 761	94, 243	107, 300	(1)	147.6	136.0	157.3	155.5	150.7
California.....	6, 346	5, 999	6, 159	143.9	182.3	177.9	188.7	178.9	181.6
Colorado.....	994	832	991	106.8	105.0	89.2	108.0	91.7	86.5
Connecticut.....	2, 084	1, 868	2, 176	138.8	149.5	136.7	162.4	171.9	169.8
Delaware.....	368	317	(3)	140.6	164.2	142.8	(3)	(3)	(9)
Florida (total).....	954	817	(3)	101.6	97.4	85.3	(3)	(3)	(9)
White.....	651	512	.....	94.3	100.4	81.5	.....	.....	.....
Colored.....	303	305	.....	112.0	91.4	92.6	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	9, 505	8, 542	9, 500	141.3	145.6	132.6	149.5	(9)	(9)
Indiana.....	4, 350	4, 024	4, 777	116.5	147.8	137.9	165.0	159.0	150.9
Kansas.....	2, 021	1, 652	1, 993	93.0	114.0	93.6	113.4	119.9	115.9
Kentucky (total).....	2, 122	2, 059	2, 369	87.3	87.6	85.4	98.8	109.1	93.5
White.....	1, 692	1, 607	1, 800	77.5	77.3	74.0	83.4	94.1	83.3
Colored.....	430	452	569	166.6	183.2	190.4	237.0	241.4	182.1
Louisiana (total).....	1, 941	1, 886	2, 121	136.3	107.6	105.3	119.4	(3)	(3)
White.....	1, 017	936	1, 020	118.5	92.1	86.0	95.1	.....	.....
Colored.....	924	950	1, 101	164.4	131.8	135.2	156.4	.....	.....
Maine.....	1, 430	1, 330	1, 454	114.7	185.9	173.5	190.3	194.4	194.9
Maryland (total).....	2, 407	2, 233	2, 820	153.7	165.1	154.9	197.8	184.2	159.1
White.....	1, 870	1, 690	2, 121	138.8	154.3	141.1	179.3	167.4	145.1
Colored.....	537	543	699	234.1	218.7	222.3	287.6	265.1	226.2
Massachusetts.....	7, 569	6, 926	8, 167	168.5	195.2	181.0	216.2	205.5	197.7
Michigan.....	5, 906	5, 045	5, 576	145.9	159.1	139.2	157.7	162.7	156.0
Minnesota.....	2, 732	2, 468	2, 661	110.1	113.7	104.1	113.8	104.5	106.2
Mississippi (total).....	1, 527	1, 222	(3)	101.8	85.3	68.2	(3)	(9)	(2)
White.....	566	472	.....	75.0	66.0	55.5	.....	.....	.....
Colored.....	961	750	.....	129.1	103.0	79.7	.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	4, 057	3, 408	3, 983	103.9	119.0	100.3	117.6	112.2	109.7
Montana.....	428	448	477	97.4	76.7	83.0	91.3	94.6	96.4
Nebraska.....	1, 207	(8)	(3)	87.6	92.7	(8)	(3)	(3)	(8)
New Hampshire.....	908	749	921	129.7	204.6	169.3	208.8	215.1	207.0
New Jersey.....	5, 081	4, 679	5, 414	164.1	159.4	149.8	176.9	170.2	167.5
New York (total).....	19, 961	18, 591	20, 680	180.8	191.0	180.1	203.0	202.3	199.5
White.....	19, 575	18, 128	20, 227	179.8	191.3	179.3	202.6	201.8	198.7
Colored.....	386	463	453	248.3	178.2	226.7	223.2	225.4	241.0
North Carolina (total).....	2, 403	2, 061	2, 448	113.9	93.2	81.1	97.7	97.2	91.0
White.....	1, 548	1, 274	1, 526	100.0	86.1	72.0	87.7	87.9	82.7
Colored.....	855	787	922	150.5	109.8	102.0	120.6	118.2	109.6
Ohio.....	8, 335	7, 694	8, 596	122.9	143.4	134.8	153.3	159.7	155.0
Oregon.....	1, 139	1, 000	982	121.8	144.3	128.6	128.1	(9)	(8)
Pennsylvania (total).....	12, 406	11, 500	13, 852	141.6	141.4	132.7	161.9	155.8	148.2
White.....	11, 898	10, 980	13, 238	139.1	140.3	131.0	159.8	153.3	146.3
Colored.....	508	520	614	233.6	174.0	184.0	224.6	232.8	207.2
Rhode Island.....	975	900	1, 048	145.9	160.5	149.7	176.2	172.0	178.5
South Carolina (total).....	1, 641	1, 343	1, 541	132.9	97.0	80.2	93.0	95.2	84.6
White.....	763	575	670	116.5	92.4	70.9	84.1	87.1	74.6
Colored.....	878	768	871	150.9	101.3	88.9	101.2	102.5	93.6
Tennessee (total).....	2, 018	1, 925	2, 119	91.8	86.0	82.6	91.6	97.1	(8)
White.....	1, 375	1, 333	1, 423	76.4	72.6	71.0	76.5	81.7	.....
Colored.....	643	592	696	156.1	142.6	130.7	152.9	158.9	.....
Utah.....	484	391	471	126.4	106.8	87.8	107.6	105.9	99.8
Vermont.....	805	727	783	141.8	228.5	206.2	221.8	222.7	225.6
Virginia (total).....	2, 896	2, 577	3, 061	134.0	124.7	112.2	134.8	136.3	135.3
White.....	1, 786	1, 570	1, 829	112.9	109.6	97.7	115.6	112.6	113.4
Colored.....	1, 110	1, 007	1, 232	187.5	160.3	145.9	179.0	190.3	184.4
Washington.....	1, 584	1, 346	1, 408	113.8	115.8	100.0	106.4	92.9	96.6
Wisconsin.....	3, 053	2, 652	2, 725	101.5	115.3	101.3	105.4	115.9	117.8

<sup>1</sup> Rate not calculated.

<sup>2</sup> Including the District of Columbia.

<sup>3</sup> Not admitted to registration area until a later date.